

Egremont Conservation Commission meeting minutes of March 10, 2016.
Town Hall, Egremont, MA. 7:00 PM start.

Commissioners present: Chairman Bill Tynan, Ted Rubsamen, Alina Hsu and Ben Barrett

Guests: Susan Batchelder, Marj Wexler, Steve Mack, Foresight Engineering

Citizen Inquiries:

Susan Batchelder and Marj Wexler are asking for our endorsement of their proposed item for the town warrant, regarding night time illumination. They left us with some literature for our consideration. After discussion among the commissioners, it was agreed upon that:

"While in general, we are in favor of anything that reduces light pollution, the commission must abstain from endorsing a town warrant issue that is not directly in our prevue."

Sean McCormick 617-589-3895 left message on the answering machine regarding Shemshack. Bill Tynan called him back at 7:00 PM and left a message for him, inviting him to email us as the best method to pose questions.

New Business:

2016 **Con Comm budget:** \$600 was approved by the finance committee for travel for next fiscal year. Mileage, tolls, but no meals. They will recommend it be approved at town meeting.

Old business:

Appalachian Trail Conservancy file ended up in our mailbox, and Bill Tynan is going to file it. It is our belief that the project is a dead issue.

Hearing continuation of Hakim/Shemshack 13 Nicholson Road for pond dredging/expansion. Steve Mack Foresight Engineering representing the applicant. Tom Gilbert of Catamount has not received 401 Water Quality Certification.

Tom Gilbert emailed the following on March 9, 2016:

Bill,

Catamount has not yet received the 401 WQC, so will not be have adequate time to review and be prepared then comment on it for tomorrow's meeting. Based on this, will tomorrow's meeting be continued again? Unless you suggest otherwise, I will not be attend tomorrow's meeting because I will not be prepared to provide any comment.

Regards,

Tom Gilbert



Copies of the 401 WQC were hand delivered to the Commission and Steve Mack left copies for us. Tom Gilbert is welcomed come and see them. Steve has a meeting with the Dry Hydrant committee. They have a meeting scheduled. Steve has copies of a letter Dated December 9, 2015 from Elizabeth Goodman, lawyer for Hakim regarding the language in the deed.

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The commission cannot close the hearing until we hear from the state on 404. Motion to continue until **April 14, 2016 at 7:30PM**.

Hakim/Shemshack 13 Nicholson Road request for extension of: Discussion ensued regarding the request for a 3 year extension for the wall rebuilding and drainage project. DEP #153-0197. Dated July 25, 2013. After discussion, motion made to grant the 3 year extension. Motion carried, unanimously. All in favor. Motion passed.

Hearing opened at 7:40 PM for **47 Whites Hill Road, Blue Bear LLC Alina Hsu** for construction of a home, garage and driveway, portions of which fall within the 100 foot buffer zone. Bill Tynan, Ben Barrett and Mike Parsons present for the site visit, with owner Alina Hsu as well as Rona Easton Architect. Motion to close the hearing at 7:55PM. All in favor, motion passed. Motion made to issue Negative 3 with the following conditions: 24 hour notice before starting, silt fence inspection, and foundation completion and septic installation, as well as upon completion.


Hearing opened at 7:30 for **Rick and Nancy Richardson, 2 Egremont Sheffield Rd.** (Map 14 parcel 228) for RDA for invasives removal. Their intention is to purchase the land from Sarah Gossage, and create some garden area. The parcel consists of approximately 1/3rd acre across river. Their plan calls for "Removal of all invasive species". A site visit was held on Thursday at 4PM, attended by Rick Richardson, Mike Parsons, Alina Hsu, Ben Barrett and Braxton Shafiroff of Webster Landscaping who is doing the work. The site was wet, after a couple of days of rain. We would definitely want to preview the site for appropriateness prior to allowing work to be done. Right now, it's very muddy and soft. All within Goodale brook corridor. The property is in ACEC. Because this triggers so many unknowns, the commission feels it needs further scrutiny. Our interest is in getting it done correctly. We will be charged with contacting Mark Stinson to get info. Hearing continued to 7:30 PM on March 24, 2016.

Hyatt Beattie property: Motion made to pass on exercising the option to purchase. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Kalish 6 Buttonball Lane The container is still there, and we had set a deadline of March 15, 2016. Ben to contact the builders to get status update.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM made and passed.

Respectfully submitted,


Ben Barrett,
Secretary for the commission



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